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1. NOHON KEIZAI CARRIED REPORT MAY 27 FROM WASHINGTON ON A PRESS CONFERENCE BY DOE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER IN WHICH THE QUESTION OF EXPORTS OF ALASKA OIL TO JAPAN CAME UP. SCHLESINGER WAS QUOTED AS STATING: "AT PRESENT, THE U.S. HAS NO INTENTION OF DIVERTING ALASKAN CRUDE OIL TO THE PURPOSES OF SUPPLY TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES."

2. WHILE THE STATEMENT AS SUCH COULD BE INTERPRETED AS CONSISTENT WITH THE MATTER STILL BEING UNDER STUDY (REFTEL A), THE CONCLUSION DRAWN BY NIHON KEIZAI WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT YOSHINO IS THAT THE USG HAS DECIDED AGAINST SELLING THE OIL TO JAPAN. YOSHINO SAYS" IT IS SAID THAT THIS IS CARTER'S FINAL JUDGMENT, SINCE AT THIS
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TIME WHEN THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS HASTENING TO SECURE CONGRESSIONAL PASSAGE OF THE ENERGY BILL FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDUCING OIL IMPORTS, IT WOULD BE CLUMSY TO EXPORT HOME-PRODUCED CRUDE OIL, EVEN UNDER A SWAP FORMULA."

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE TEXT OF SECRETARY SCHLESINGER

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REMARKS CONCERNING ALASKA OIL, AND ADVICE ON WHETHER
JAPANESE INTERPRETATION IS VALID. MANSFIELD

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